

A Level Business (Edexcel)

Business is a subject with both theoretical and applied sides to it with an emphasis on studying real world and current case studies ranging from small scale startups to multi-billion dollar multinational companies. Inevitably most people will end up working in a business at one point or another in their future and studying Business at A Level can give you an insight into what the world of business is like.

What will you study?

There are four “themes” in A Level Business:

1. Marketing & people
2. Managing business activities
3. Business decisions and strategies
4. Global business

How will I be assessed?

There are three papers all sat at the end of the Upper Sixth. The papers contain data-response questions with paper 3 framed around a pre-released industry. There is no coursework.

What are the results like?

	A*%	A*-A%	Pupils
2020	18	55	11
2019	0	29	14
2018	38	63	8

Can I study both Business and Economics?

There is overlap between the subjects and so whilst it is OK to start doing both of these in the L6 as two of four A Levels you are strongly advised not to end up studying both subjects as part of just three A Levels.



Where will the subject take me?

The subject can lead on to any Business-related degree course (of which there are a vast number) as well as potentially courses in Economics, Finance, Politics, Management, etc.

What prior knowledge do I need?

The Business course requires no specific prior learning. No particular background in terms of subjects is expected, however, the ability to read and interpret data correctly and to write in a logically structured manner can be distinct advantages.

What about maths?

A significant proportion of questions will have a quantitative element to them but the maths involved does not go beyond GCSE level.

What about extracurricular Business activities?

Pupils are encouraged to participate in an internal school essay competition, national essay competitions and may join the thriving Abingdon Investment Trading Club which is a very popular Other Half activity.

How can you find out more?

- View the Edexcel syllabus and specimen exam papers
- Speak to sixth form pupils in your school who study the subject
- Have a look through a Business textbook
- Visit the Business blog on www.tutor2u.net to see example materials used in A Level Business